

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Stefaan Jozef DE CNODDER, et al.

Attorney Docket Q67666

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For: MARKER DEVICE AND RELATED METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

3. (Amended)Marking determining method according to claim 1,

CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is the filling level of a token bucket.

4. (Amended)Marking determining method according to claim 1,

CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is a sending rate estimate.

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5. (Amended)Marking determining method according to claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet loss priority.

6. (Amended)Marking determining method according to claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet traffic category.

7. (Amended)Marking determining method according to claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a type of sender.

10. (Amended)Marking determining device according to claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is a filling level of a token  
bucket.

11. (Amended)Marking determining device according to claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is a sending rate estimate.

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13. (Amended) Marking determining device according to claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet traffic category.

14. (Amended) Marking determining device according to claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a type of sender.

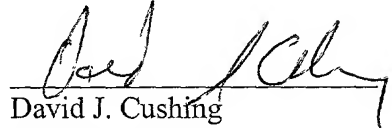
15. Communication network element including a marking determination device as claimed in claim 8.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3.     ~~(Amended)~~Marking determining method according to ~~claims 1 and 2~~claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is the filling level of a token  
bucket.
4.     ~~(Amended)~~Marking determining method according to ~~claims 1 and 2~~claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is a sending rate estimate.
5.     ~~(Amended)~~Marking determining method according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet loss priority.
6.     ~~(Amended)~~Marking determining method according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet traffic category.

7. (Amended) Marking determining method according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a type of sender.

10. (Amended) Marking determining device according to ~~claims 8 and 9~~ claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is a filling level of a token  
bucket.

11. (Amended) Marking determining device according to ~~claims 8 and 9~~ claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said traffic reservation parameter is a sending rate estimate.

12. (Amended) Marking determining device according to ~~claims 8 or 9~~ claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet loss priority.

13. (Amended) Marking determining device according to ~~claims 8 or 9~~ claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a packet traffic category.

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14. ~~(Amended)~~ Marking determining device according to ~~claims 8 or 9~~ claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned  
priority is a type of sender.

15. Communication network element including a marking determination device as  
claimed in ~~any of the claims 8 up to claim 14~~ claim 8.

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